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FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA BAHRAIN
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAMA 897

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: JOURNALIST REPORTS SAUDI ROLE IN MIDEASTFOR TALKS

1. ASSOCIATED PRESS CORRESPONDENT NICK LUDDINGTON TOLD
AMBASSADOR APRIL 23 THAT "SENIOR SAUDI OFFICIAL" TOLD HIM
THAT SAG HAS TOLD GOB NOT TO SEVER COMPLETELY ITS TIES WITH
U.S. NAVY. COMMENT. WE HAVE SUSPECTED FOR SOME TIME TPAT
SAG HAD EXPRESSED ITSELF TO GOB ALONG THESE LINES. END
COMMENT. LUDDINGTON WOULD NOT IDENTIFY SAG OFFICIAL. CON-
VERSATION TOOK PLACE IN RIYADH WEEK OR SO AGO.

2. LUDDINGTON PROBABLY WILL FILE A MIDEASTFOR STORY IN NEXT
FEW DAYS. TACK HE SEEMED TO BE ON WAS THAT GOB SHOULD NOT
AND WOULD NOT HAVE MIDEASTFOR LEAVE BAHRAIN AT TIME WHEN MODERATE
ARABS, PARTICULARLY SAUDIS, ARE WORKING HARD TO DEEPEN RE-
LATIONSHIP WITH US. GOB OFFICIALS SEEM A BIT NERVOUS OVER
NUMBER OF US JOURNALISTS TURNING UP HERE LATELY. RATHER
UNUSUALLY, MULLEN OF U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT WAS UNABLE TO
SEE ANY MINISTERS, THOUGH CHANCE OF MEETINGS WAS HELD OPEN BY
OB OFFICIALS UNTIL HIS DEPARTURE APRIL 24.
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